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) **RESPONSE**

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in Response to the Official Action dated March 27, 2002. In the Official Action the Examiner asserts that there are two species disclosed in the Patent Application, namely the species of Figure 2(a) and the species of Figure 2(b). The Examiner has requested that we elect a single disclosed species for examination on the merits and to advise the Examiner of which claims are readable on that species.

The Examiner asserts that currently claims 1-8, 17 and 19 are generic to the two species. While the Applicant agrees that those claims are generic to the two species, the Applicants also believe that claims 20 and 21 active in this Application are generic.

Inasmuch as the Applicants have previously elected the product claims, namely claims 1-8, 17 and 19-21 for examination in this Application, and given the fact that all those claims are generic to the two species identified by the Examiner, it is submitted that the election of species requirement is improper and should be withdrawn. Nevertheless, in order to ensure that this Response is considered to be fully responsive to the Examiner's request, the Applicants provisionally elect the species of Figure 2(b) for examination.

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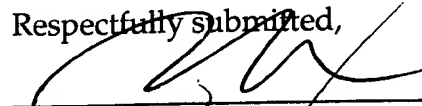
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